tions and from the neighbouring systems in the Eastern Region and the Northern Grid whenever systems conditions are conducive to such transfer, the power supply to the various districts of Bihar is given from the distribution system of the state and falls within the purview of the Bihar state Government/Bihar state Electricity Board.

[English]

New Telephone connections in Tiruppur, Tamil Nadu.

1723. SHRI C.K. KUPPUSWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications pending with the government for release of new telephone connections in Tiruppur, Tamil Nadu; and

(b) the time by which telephone connections are likely to be provided?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The number of application pending for Telephone connections in Tiruppur (Tamil Nadu) as on 31.10.91 are 9248.

(b) As per draft 8th plan proposals expansion programmes are being drawn with an objective to provide telephone connections with waiting period not to exceed 2 years for large systems. Accordingly, telephone connections to persons in waiting list in Tiruppur will be provided progressively be the middle of 8th Plan.

OYT connections in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.

1724. SHRI C.K. KUPPUSWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications pending for the release of OYT connections in coimbatore, Tamil Nadu; and

(b) the time by which these are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The number of applications for the OYT connections pending in Coimbatore (TN) as on 31.10.91 are 2465.

(b) As per draft 8th Plan proposals, expansion programmes are being drawn with an objective to provide telephone connections with waiting period not to exceed 2 years in large systems. Accordingly these pending applications will be cleared progressively by the middle of 8th Plan.

Setting up relay Centres in towns of Pali district, Rajasthan

1725. SHRI GUMAN MAL LODHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set a T.V. relay station at Bali, Desuri, Phalna, Sumerpur, Jaitaran, Sojat, Ranipur, Marwar Jn. and other important towns of the Pali district of Rajaesthan;

(b) if so, the plan drawn up to cover the entire Pali district by TV relay; and

(c) the time by which the plan is likely to be implemented?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AD BROADCASTING (KUMAR GIRIJA VYAS): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Whereas a low power TV transmitter is at present functioning at Pali, the headquarter town, parts of the district are

also expected to be covered by the high power TV transmitters envisaged to be set up at Jodhpur and Ajmer, subject to actual availability of resources and inter-se priorities.

[*Translation*]

Increase in rates of advertisements

1726. SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:
SHRI RAJVEER SINGH:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government have enhanced rated for official advertisements;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, and

(c) the net percentage of increase affected?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Government have enhanced the rates of advertisements with effect from 1st august, 1991.

(b) The rates were enhanced to neutralise the cost of increased newsprint price.

(c) An increase of 18% was allowed over the rates existing prior to 1.8.1991.

Increase in rates of Foreign Charges

1727. SHRI BALRAJ PASSI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rates of foreign Postal Charges have been increased;

(b) if so, the extent thereof and the reasons therefor, and

(c) the revenue likely to be earned by the government as a result of enhanced rates?

THE MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes Sir,

(b) The percentage increase ranges from 22% to 60%. The increase is related to the increase in the values of the SDR which is the basis for effecting payments to other postal administrations in respect of foreign mail.

The repee equivalent of SDR has increased over the period 1985 to 1990 by approximately 80%.

(c) The revenue likely to be earned is around Rs. 55 crores per annum.

Violation of traffic rules

1728. SHRI BALRAJ PASSI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of drivers of school buses in Delhi and buses operating under D.T.C., arrested for violation of traffic rules during the last six months and the amount of penalty imposed on them; and

(b) the mendatory directions issued by the Government to streamline the traffic in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) The number of drivers of school buses and under D.T.C. arrested during the period from 1.5.91 to 31.10.91 and the penalty imposed as a result is as follows:-